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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

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1. GIVEN THE SITUATION THAT HAS ARISEN IN NEW YORK, PARTICULARLY THE ISRAELI DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE RESOLUTION THEY HAD EARLIER INTRODUCED, ADDED TO THE PROBLEMS ALREADY INHERENT IN THE EGYPTIAN DRAFT, I SEE NO ALTERNATIVE TO OUR VOTING AGAINST THE EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION. WE SHOULD NOT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUEST THE EGYPTIANS TO MODIFY THEIR LANGUAGE, SINCE THE CHANGES WE REQUESTED WOULD NOT SUFFICE TO ALTER OUR VOTE. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS FOR ALL AFTER THE FOURTH TALKING POINT ENDING "ASKED US TO SUPPORT" IN THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL:

-- FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE RESOLUTION
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AND THOSE THAT WE MOST OBJECT TO ARE: FIRST, THE PARAGRAPH

THAT REQUESTS THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONVENE SUBSEQUENT TO THE SUBMISSION BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF A REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION--THIS WOULD BRING ABOUT A COUNCIL MEETING SOME TIME IN MARCH; SECOND, THE PROVISION CALLING

FOR RESUMPTION OF THE "PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAS;" NOT LATER THAN THE END OF MARCH; AND THIRD, THE REFERENCE CLEARLY INTENDED TO PUT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON RECORD AS REQUESTING THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO RESUME CONTACTS INTER ALIA WITH THE PLO AS A PARTY TO THE CONFLICT IN PREPARATION FOR RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

-- I MUST IN ALL FRANKNESS SAY THAT I THINK IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE ON THE PART OF THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO FORCE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TO DEAL WITH THE COMPLEX ISSUES OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE PUBLIC AND CONTENTIOUS ATMOSPHERE OF A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN THE FIRST WEEKS AFTER IT HAS TAKEN OFFICE. TO PROPOSE THAT IT DO SO IN A MATTER OF WEEKS AFTER JANUARY 20 CAN ONLY HAVE EFFECTS SERIOUSLY DETRIMENTAL TO THE PROSPECTS FOR AN EARLY RENEWAL OF CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS.

-- AT A TIME WHEN I WOULD HOPE A NEW ADMINISTRATION COULD BE CONCENTRATING ON INITIATIVES TO SURMOUNT SOME OF THE VERY REAL PROBLEMS THAT EXIST IN RESTARTING NEGOTIATIONS, IT WILL BE HAVING TO COPE WITH ALL OF THE DIVISIVE ISSUES THAT CHARACTERIZE THESE COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WILL BE HAVING TO TAKE SIDES WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSALS THAT CAN ONLY REDUCE ITS CREDIBILITY WITH ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER AND LIMIT ITS CAPACITY TO MOVE IN CONSTRUCTIVE WAYS OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL. IN THE END, AS WE HAVE SEEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THE COUNCIL WILL PRODUCE A RESULT THAT WILL IN NO WAY ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF PEACE OR LEAD TO RENEWAL OF REALISTIC NEGOTIATIONS. QUITE THE CONTRARY.

-- UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND IN THE FACE OF THE PROBLEMS WE SEE IN THE TEXT, I MUST TELL YOU FRANKLY THAT WE WILL HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION. I SEE NO ALTERNATIVE, THOUGH I REGRET VERY MUCH HAVING TO TAKE A NEGATIVE POSITION ON A RESOLUTION ADVANCED BY OUR EGYPTIAN FRIENDS.

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THAT WE ARE PUT IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO MAKE THIS CHOICE, AND THAT THE RESULTS WILL BE OTHER THAN EITHER OF US WOULD WISH, IS AN UNFORTUNATE EXAMPLE OF THE VERY POINT I AM TRYING TO MAKE. ROBINSON

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